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CHARTER  
WITH AMENDMENT, *June 11/189,*  
LAWS, OFFICERS *and* MEMBERS

OF THE  
HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

FOR THE  
RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Organized March Twenty-second, 1790

Incorporated April Twenty-seventh, 1792.

PHILADELPHIA:

F. McMANUS, JR. & COMPANY, PRINTERS, 29 NORTH SIXTH STREET.

1887.

OFFICERS  
OF  
THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY.

President:

JOHN FIELD.

Vice-President:

NICHOLAS J. GRIFFIN.

Secretary:

THOMAS D. FERGUSON,  
140 Walnut Street.

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Treasurer:

PHILIP BARRY.

Counsellors:

WILLIAM GORMAN,  
HENRY PHILLIPS COLEMAN.

Physicians:

JOSEPH MARTIN, M. D.  
MICHAEL O'HARA, M. D.

Finance Committee:

COL. B. K. JAMISON,  
WILLIAM BRICE,  
DANIEL DONOVAN.

Executive Committee:

HON. WILLIAM MCALEER,  
EDWARD J. HERATY,  
PHILIP J. WALSH.

*Act of Incorporation.*



# ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SENDS GREETING:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas McKean, LL. D., Chief Justice of the Commonwealth aforesaid, Brigadier-General Walter Stewart, Edward Fox, Edward Carroll, Patrick Ferrall, Paul Cox, James McCrea, James Barclay, David Lapsley, Matthew Carey, Joseph Brown, Henry Toland, James Boylan, John Leamy, Archibald Bingham, John McLaughlin, William Hayes, James Alder, George Baker, William Delany, Alexander Henry, Patrick Moore, John Dunkin, Peter Benson, Richard Moore, John McClelland, John McCree, Andrew Porter, Samuel Bayard, Sharp Delany, James Crawford, John Brown, Daniel Baldwin, William Matthews, Michael Morgan O'Brien, Oliver Pollock, John Lynch, John H. Huston, Thomas Lea, John Maxwell Nesbitt, George Hughes, Jasper Moylan, George Meade, John Connelly, Samuel Kingsley, John Jones, M. Edmond Mullery, James Gallagher, James McClure, James Campbell, Robert McCleay, John Taggart, Roger Kean, Alexander Cain, Robert Rainey, Hugh Holmes, Charles Heatly, David McCormick, and John Graham, citizens of this Commonwealth, in conjunction with others, have formed themselves into a charitable association, under the name of "THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS

FROM IRELAND," with a laudable view and intent, as well by voluntary subscriptions and stated contributions, as by donations, which may in future be made to the said association, to aid and assist poor and oppressed persons emigrating from Ireland into this State.

AND WHEREAS, the members of the said association, in order to perpetuate the benefits to be derived from their institution, are desirous that their said Society may be incorporated, and by law enabled, as a body politic and corporate, to receive and hold such subscriptions, contributions, donations and bequests, as have been, or that hereafter may be made to the said society, and vested with such powers and privileges, as will enable the said society to carry into effect the benevolent purposes of their institution.

AND WHEREAS, it is highly proper to promote the designs of the said society, inasmuch as they may greatly contribute to the strength and prosperity of this State, and of the United States, by encouraging emigrations from Ireland.

THEREFORE KNOW YE, That the said Thomas McKean, Walter Stewart, Edward Fox, Edward Carroll, Patrick Ferrall, Paul Cox, James McCrea, James Barclay, David Lapsley, Matthew Carey, Joseph Brown, Henry Toland, James Boylan, John Leamy, Archibald Bingham John McLaughlin, William Hayes, James Alder, George Baker, William Delany, Alexander Henry, Patrick Moore, John Dunkin, Peter Benson, Richard Moore, John McClelland, John McCree, Andrew Porter, Samuel Bayard, Sharp Delany, James Crawford, John Brown, Daniel Baldwin, William Matthews, Michael Morgan

O'Brien, Oliver Pollock, John Lynch, John H. Huston, Thomas Lea, John Maxwell Nesbitt, George Hughes, Jasper Moylan, George Meade, John Connelly, Samuel Kingsley, John Jones, M. Edmund Mullery, James Gallagher, James McClure, James Campbell, Robert McCleay, John Taggart, Roger Kean, Alexander Cain, Robert Rainey, Hugh Holmes, Charles Heatly, David McCormick, and John Graham, and such other persons as shall hereafter be admitted, or become members of the said society, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby, and by force and virtue of the Act of the General Assembly of the said Commonwealth, entitled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth, the powers and immunities of corporations or bodies politic in law," passed at the city of Philadelphia, the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, made, declared and constituted to be a corporation and body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance forever, by the name, style and title of "THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND." And the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall forever hereafter be persons able and capable in law, as well to take, receive, and hold all, and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and other hereditaments, which at any time or times heretofore have been granted, devised or otherwise conveyed to the said society, or to any other person or persons to their use or in trust for them; and also, that the said corporation and their successors, at all times hereafter, shall be capable and able to purchase,

have, receive, take, hold, and enjoy in fee simple or of lesser estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises, and other hereditaments, by the gift, grant, sale, release, confirmation or devise of any person or persons, whatsoever, capable and able to make the same; together with such annual and other stipends, contributions and fines, as they may, by their by laws impose upon the members of their society; provided that the clear yearly value, interest or income of the lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and real estate of the said corporation, and the interest of money lent by the said corporation, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds, Pennsylvania currency, exclusive of the annual stipends of the members, and such fines as may from time to time, be imposed upon the members of the said society by the by-laws thereof.

And the said corporation and their successors shall have full power and authority, to make, have, and use, one common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall think fit and proper, and the same to alter, break and renew at their pleasure.

And for the well governing and ordering of the affairs of the said society, the members thereof shall meet together on the first Monday in June next, and such other days in the present year, and at such other times in each succeeding year thereafter, as the said society shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint in some convenient place; notice being given in at least two of the daily papers published in the City of Philadelphia, at least five days before the time of such meetings; and the said society or as many of the members thereof, as are so met,

shall have full power and authority from time to time, to make, constitute and establish such laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, as shall appear to them, or a major part of them, so met, to be good and useful, according to the best of their judgment and discretion, for the good government, regulation and direction of the said society, and every member thereof, and for the appointing and regulating the election and nomination of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such and so many other officers as they shall think fit, and for the limiting and appointing, their trust and authority, and for admitting new members, and to do all things concerning the government, estate, goods, lands, revenues, as also of the business and affairs of said corporation, all which laws, statutes, orders and constitutions shall be binding on every member, and from time to time inviolably observed, according to the tenor and effect of them; provided that they be not repugnant or contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States.

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I have perused and examined the preceding instrument, and hereby certify, that I am of opinion, that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

JARED INGERSOLL,

APRIL 11th, 1792.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

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WE, the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify, that at a supreme court held at Philadelphia for the said Commonwealth,

on the thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, an act or instrument of incorporation of the Hibernian Society for the Relief of Emigrants from Ireland, by the name and title of "THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND," signed by a number of persons, citizens of this Commonwealth, together with the opinion of Jared Ingersoll, Esquire, Attorney-General of the said Commonwealth, thereon, was exhibited to the said supreme court; who having perused and examined the same, concur with him in opinion, that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful.

THOMAS MCKEAN,  
EDWARD SHIPPEN,  
JASPER YEATES,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD.

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PENNSYLVANIA, ss :

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the said Commonwealth, to Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Master of the Rolls, in and for the said Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, it has been duly certified, to me by Jared Ingersoll, Esquire, Attorney-General of the said Commonwealth, and by Thomas McKean, Esquire, Chief Justice, and Edward Shippen, Jasper Yeates, and William Bradford, Esquires, Justices of the Supreme Court, of Pennsylvania, that they have respectively perused and examined the act or instrument, for the incorporation of the HIBERNIAN SOCIETY, hereunto annexed, and that they

concur in opinion, that the objects, articles and conditions, therein set forth and contained, are lawful : NOW KNOW YOU, that in pursuance of the act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, I have transmitted the said act or instrument of incorporation unto you, the said Matthew Irwin, Master of the rolls aforesaid, hereby requiring you to enroll the same at the expense of the applicants, to the intent that according to the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, the parties may become and be a corporation, or body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style and title in the said instrument provided and declared.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and of the Commonwealth the sixteenth.

By the Governor,

A. J. DALLAS,

SECRETARY.

ENROLLED in the Rolls Office for the State of Pennsylvania, in Law Book, No. 5, page 2, etc.

Witness my hand and seal of office, the fourth day of August, 1792.

MATTHEW IRWIN, M. R.

# AMENDMENT.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, NO. 3, FOR THE  
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

*To the Honorable the Judges of the said Court.*

THE PETITION OF "THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR  
THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND," RESPECT-  
FULLY REPRESENT,

That they are an association duly incorporated under the  
Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the  
Governor of the said Commonwealth, on the twenty-  
seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred and ninety-two (1792), for the purpose of  
aiding and assisting poor and oppressed persons emigrating  
from Ireland into this State, and are embraced within Cor-  
porations of the first class, specified in section second of  
an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth,  
entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and  
regulation of certain corporations," approved on the  
twenty-ninth day of April, A. D., 1874.

That in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act of the  
General Assembly they are desirous of improving, amending  
and altering the articles and conditions of their said Charter,  
and at a meeting of the said Corporation duly convened,  
the following improvements, amendments and alterations  
of the said Charter, were duly adopted: to wit: "That

the Charter of 'THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND,' be altered and amended to authorize the society to hold real estate, the net yearly income thereof not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate, the net yearly income thereof not to exceed thirty thousand dollars."

THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF  
EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND.

NICHOLAS J. GRIFFIN,

SECRETARY.

WILLIAM BRICE,  
PRESIDENT.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, NO. 3, FOR THE  
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

In the matter of the amendment of the Charter of  
"THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND."

And now this twenty-sixth day of January, A. D., 1884, the foregoing amendment and alteration of the Charter of "THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND." having been duly presented to this Court, in order that the same might be deemed and taken to be a part of the Charter of the said Corporation, and it appearing that such amendments and alterations are lawful and beneficial, and do not conflict with the requirements of the Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain Corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, nor with

the Constitution of this Commonwealth, it is hereby ordered and decreed, that notice thereof shall be given by publication in accordance with the Statute in such case made and provided. By the Court.

JAMES PENN MACCAIN,  
CLERK.

And now this seventeenth day of March, A. D., 1884, the foregoing amendments, alterations and improvements having been presented to this Court accompanied by due proof of publication of notice thereof, and no cause having been shown to the contrary, it is, on motion of William Gorman and Samuel L. Taylor, Esquires, ordered and decreed, that upon the recording of the same, the said amendments, alterations and improvements, shall be deemed and taken to be part of the Charter of the said Corporation.

JAMES R. LUDLOW,  
P. J., C. P., No. 3.



*Recorded in the office for Recording of  
Deeds, Etc., in and for the City and  
County of Philadelphia, in Charter  
Book No. 9, Page 51, etc.*

Witness my hand and seal of office, this twelfth day of April, A. D., 1884.

JOHN O'DONNEL,  
RECORDER OF DEEDS.

*By-Laws.*

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